vided, except as provided in section 17,

shall be recovered and suits thereon shall be brought in the name of the state of

Texas in the proper court having jurisdic-tion thereof in Travis county, or in any county to or through which such railroad

may run, by the attorney-general or under his direction; and the attorney bringing such suit shall receive a fee of \$50 for each

penalty recovered and collected by him, and 10 per cent of the amount so collected, to be paid by the state. In all suits arising

under this act, the rules of evidence shall be the same as in ordinary civil actions, ex-cept as otherwise herein provided. All fines and penalties recovered by the state

under this act shall be paid into the treas-ury of the state.

Sec. 20. Upon application of any person, the commission shall furnish certified cop-les of any classification, rates, rules, regu-lations or orders, and such certified copies, or printed copies, unblished by un-

or printed copies, published by au-thority of the commission, shall be admissible in evidence in any suit and sufficient to establish the fact that any

charge, rate, rule, order or classification therein contained, and which may be in issue in the trial is the official act of the

commission.

A substantial compliance with the requirements of this act shall be sufficient to

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Sec. 21. It is hereby made the duty of

sion, to the attorney-general or other officer charged with the enforcement of the laws, and request him to institute the proper

proceedings; and all suits between the state and any railroad shall have precedence in all courts over all other suits pending therein.

(a.) It shall be the duty of the commission to investigate all complaints against railroad companies subject hereto, and to

enforce all laws of this state in reference to railroads. But any two connecting rail-

any part or all of the passengers, frieght or cars, empty or loaded, hauled or trans-ported by one and destined to points on or beyound the line of the other shall be de-

livered to received and transported by the other, which contract, however, shall be submitted to the railroad commission for

examination and approval, and when so ap-proved shall be binding; but if the said contract be not approved by the commis-sion the same shall be void, provided that any connecting line delivering freight to the owner or consignee of such freight may

be sued by the owner thereof in the county where the freight is delivered, for any damage that may be done to such freight in

Sec. 22. The terms "road," 'railroad," "railroad companies" and "railroad corporations," as used herein, shall be taken to mean and embrace all corporations, companies, individuals and associations of in-

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pointed by any court whatsoever), that may now or hereafter own, operate, man-

age or control any railroad or part of a rail

road in this state, and all such corporations, companies and associations of individuals, their lessees or receivers, as shall do the

business of common carriers on any rail-road in this state.

(a.) The provisions of this act shall be

construed to apply to and affect only the transportation of passengers, freight and cars between points within this state and this act shall not apply to street railways nor suburban belt lines of railways in or near cities or towns."

(b.) "It shall be the duty of the commissions to the commissions to the commissions of the commissio

sioner to see that upon every railroad or branch of same carrying passengers for

hire in this state shall run at least one train a day (Sundays excepted) upon which passengers shall be hauled and the com-mission shall have no power to relax this

provision,"
Sec. 23. This act shall not have the effect to release or waive any right of action by

the state or any person for any right, pen-alty or forfeiture which may have arisen or may hereafter arise, under any law of this state; and all penalties accraing under

this act shall be cumulative of each other, and a suit for or recovery of one shall not be a bar to the recovery of any other pen-

alty; and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 24. The fact that there is no ade-

quate and sufficient law for the regulation of railroads in the transportation of freight

and passengar traffic, and the near ap-proach of the close of the present session,

creates an imperative public necessity and an emergency, necessitating the suspension

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Young Widow, Abandon

at Houston.

Houston, Tex., March 30.—A widow, Mrs. Jeffries, who was eloping from Mississippi with a school teacher, intending to be

married at San Antonio, was abandoned at the depot here to-day, and her wedding dress carried off while the gallant school

teacher left some of his well worn togs in its place. The woman is young and good looking, and states fear of her father and brothers as the cause of the course she has

taken. She is destitute and deeply dis-tressed, and disavows any harm in all her

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HERE IT IS.

The Commission Bill as It Goes to the Governor.

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A Strong, Masterly, Potential Commission that Will Regulate the Railroads.

It Will be Signed by the Governor-Provides for Appointive Commissioners-The Bill as Amended.

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fill to be entitled an act to establish a ad commission for the state of Texas, thy discrimination and extertion in road charges may be prevented, and sample freight and passenger tariffs be established; to prescribe and authorin the making of rules and regulations to ern the commission and the railroads after railroad companies and other carties adequate remedies; to prescribe

Section 1. Be it exacted by the legislature f three persons to be appointed by the gov-nor in follows: If the legislature betten a session the severnor shall upon the tak-ic effects of lims and or as soon thereafter a practicable, by and with the advice and upon of his sounce, if the legislature then a considerable commission; but me be not in session the govof the next succeeding govon the second Monday after his managingtion or as soon thereafter as principalite, appoint said commissioners, who shall each hold his office until the secon Monday after the leasuration of the our is appointed and quarried.

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said commission may appoint a secretary of a scheet of not more than \$2000 per aner shall keep full on the transactions such duties us may be required by erament and for their proceed-They sind be known collectively as freed Commission of Texas," and shall a shall a star of five points, with the is. "Gained Commission of Texas," are those of Texas," are those of Texas are those of the capital at Austin, and ry furniture, stationery, sursomets, secretary and clerks

of in the rangoal commission of or it is hereby made its daily to the covers and regulate railroad passenger turiffs, the power to specifical. In an cases where the rates shall not have been fixed by the commission, no changes shall be made except after ten days notice to, and consent of the commission.

Sec. 9. Any person, firm, corporation or Sec. 9. Any person, firm, corporation or association, or any mercantile, agricultural or manufacturing association, or any body be the duty of each and every rail-post to this act to provide and mainof the not buildings at its several stat buildings shall be kept well ion of the traveling public and rouses shall keep and maintain and sumable freight depots and woring of all freight handled by

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or cars over their lines, the commission shall fix the pro rata part of such charges to be received by each of said connecting

(g.) Until the commission shall make the classifications and schedules of rates as herein provided for, and afterward if they deem it advisable, they may make partial or special classifications for all or any of the railroads subject hereto, and fix the rates to be charged by such roads therefor; and such classifications and rates shall be put into effect in the manner provided for general classifications and schedules of

(h.) The commission shall have power and it shall be its duty, from time to time to alter, change, amend or abolish any classification or rate established by it, when deemed necessary; and such amended, altered or new classifications or rates shall be put into effect in the same manner as the

(i.) The commission may adopt and enforce such rules, regulations and modes of procedure as it may deem proper, to hear and determine complaints that may be made against the classifications or the rates, the rules, regulations and determinations of the commission.

().) The commission shall make reasonable and just rates of charges for each railroad subject hereto for the use or transportation of loaded or empty cars on its road; and may establish for each railroad, or for all railroads alike, reasonable rates for the storing and handling of freight and for the use of cars not unloaded after forty-eight hours' notice to the consignee, not to

include Sundays. (k.) The commission shall make and es-tablish reasonable rates for the transportation of passengers over each or all of the railroads subject hereto, which rates shall not exceed the rates fixed by law. The commission shall have power to prescribe reasonable rates, tolls or charges for all other services performed by any railroad subject hereto. subject hereto.

subject hereto.

Sec. 4. Before any rates shall be established under this act, the commission shall give the railroad company to be affected thereby ten days' notice of the time and place when and where the rates shall be fixed; and said railroad company shall be entitled to be heard at such time and place, to the end that justice may be done; and it shall have process to enforce the attendance of its witnesses. All process herein provided for shall be served as in

(a.) The commission shall have power to adopt rules to govern its proceedings, and to regulate the mode and manner of all in-vestigations and hearings of railroad companies and other parties before it, in the es-tablishment of rates, orders, charges and other nots required of it under this law; provided, no person desiring to be present at any such investigation by said commis-sion, shall be denied admission. (b.) The chairman and each of the com-

missioners, for the purposes mentioned in this act, shall have power to administer all onths, certify to all official acts, and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the

sive and deemed and accepted to be reason-able, fair and just, and in such respects

Sec. 6. If any railroad company or other party at interest be dissatisfied with the decision of any rate, classification rule, charge, order, act or regulation adopted by the commission, such dissatisfied company or party may file a petition setting forth the in the least, mortgages, securities, continues or enringes of any redroad, and that he will, to the best of his ability faithfully and justly execute and enforce the provisions of this act and all-laws of this ability and justly execute and enforce the provisions of this act and all-laws of this ability and justly execute and enforce the provisions of this act and all-laws of this ability and justly execute and enforce the provisions of this act and all-laws of this ability and justly execute and all-laws of this act and all-laws of the mission as defendant. Said action shall have precedence over all other causes on the decision, act, rate, rule, charge, classification or order, or to either or all of them, in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis county. Text, against said commission as defendant, Said action shall have precedence over all other causes on the decision, act, rate, rule, charge, classification or order, or to either or all of them, in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis county. Text, against said commission as defendant, Said action shall have precedence over all other causes on the decision, act, rate, rule, charge, classification or order, or to either or all of them, in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis county. Text, against said commission as defendant, Said action shall have precedence over all other causes on the decision act, rate, rule, charge, charge, indeed the provided the commission as defendant, Said action shall be decision, act, rate, rule, charge, indeed the commission act rate, rule, charge, charge, indeed the provided that a country of said commission as defendant, Said action shall be tried and determined as other causes on the provided the pr particular chuse or causes of objection to such decision act, rare, rule, charge, class-ification or order, or to either or all of them, in a court of competent jurisdiction

> satisfactory evidence that the rates, regula-tions, orders, classifications, acts or charges complained of are unreasonable and unjust

to it or them.

Sec. 8. The said commission shall, so soon as the classifications and schedules of rates herein provided for are prepared by them, furnish each redroad subject to the provis-ions of this act with a complete schedule in suitable form, showing the classification of freight made by them and the rates fixed by said commission to be charged by such road for the transportation of each class of freight, and shall cause a certified copy of such classification and schedule of rates to be delivered to each of said railroads at its principal office in this state if it has such office in this state, and if not then to any agent of said company in this state, which said schedule, rules and regulations shall take effect at the date which may be fixed rotes are upon an itemized state-by said commission, not less than twenty shall cause said schedules to be printed in types of a size not less than pica, and shall types of a size not less than pica, and snar have the same posted up in a conspicuous place at each of its depots, so as to be inserted by the public. Said commission may at any time abolish, after or in any manner amend the said schedules, or abolish or amend any such regulations, and in that it is hereby made its duty to or regulations, showing the changes therein, shall be delivered to each railroad as herein specified. In all cases where the rates shall

politic, or municipal organization, complaining of anything done or omitted to be done by any railroad subject hereto in violation of any law of this state or the provisions of this act, may apply to said commission in such manner and under such rules as the commission may prescribe; whereupon, if there shall appear to the commission to be any reasonable grounds for investigating such complaint, it shall give at least five days notice to such railroad of such charge and complaint, and call upon said road to answer the same at a time and place to be specified by the commission. The commis-sion shall investigate and determine such complaint under such rules and modes of procedure as it may adopt. If the commis-sion find that there has been a violation, it shall determine if the same was wilful; if it finds that such violation was not wilful it may call upon said road to satisfy the damage done to the complainant, thereby statage done to the companion, thereby stating the amount of such damage, and to pay the cost of such investigation; and if the said railroad shall do so within the time specified by the commission, there shall be no prosecution by the state; but if is shall be its curv to fix to each class said railroad shall not pay said damage and cost within the time specified by said commission, or if the commission find such violation to be wilful, it shall institute proceedings to recover the penalty for such violation, and the cost of such in-vestigation. All such complaints shall be made in the name of the state of Texas upon the relation of such complainant. All evidence taken before said commission in the investigation of any such complaint, rent lines under the same management, when reduced to writing and signed and are different parts of the same line, if all necessary to do justice. found necessary to do justice.

(e) The said commission shall have power, and it shall be its duty to fix and establish for all or any connecting lines of railroad in this state reasonable joint rates of freight charges for the various classes of freight and cars that may pass over two or more lines of such railroad.

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roads shall fail to agree upon a fair and just division of the charges arising from the transportation of freight, passengers may deem it necessary, or when requested to do so by either party to such proceed ings, and a certified copy, under the hand and seal of said commission, shall be ad-missible in evidence upon the trial of any cause or proceeding growing out of the same transaction against such railroad, in-volving the same subject matter and be-

tween the same parties.

Sec. 10. The commissioners, or either of them, or such persons as they employ therefor, shall have the right, at such times as they may deem necessary, to inspect the books and papers of any railroad company, and to examine under oath any officer, agent or employe of such railroad in relation to the business and affairs of the same.
If any railroad shall refuse to permit the commissioners or either of them, or any person authorized thereto, to examine its books and papers, such railroad company shall, for each offense, pay to the state of Texas not less than \$125, nor more than \$500, for each day it shall so fail or refuse. Provided that any swyson other than one Provided, that any person, other than one of said commissioners, who shall make any such demand, shall produce his authority, under the hand and seal of said commis-

sion, to make such inspection.

(a.) Any officer, agent or employe of any railroad company who shall, upon proper demand, fail or refuse to exhibit to the commissioners, or either of them, or any person authorized to investigate the same, any book or paper of such railroad company which is in the pos-session or under control of such officer, agent or employe, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court having jurisdiction thereof, shall be fined for each offense a sum of not less

than \$125 and not to exceed \$500. Sec. 11. The commission shall ascertain Sec. 11. The commission shall ascertain as early as practicable the amount of money expended in construction and equipment per mile of every railway in Texas; the amount of money expended to procure the right of way, and the amount of money it would require to reconstruct the roadbed, track, depots and transportation, and to replace all the physical properties belonging to the railroad.

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It shall also ascertain the outstanding bonds, debentures and indebtedness and the amount respectively thereof, when issued and rate of interest, when due, for what purposes issued, how used, to whom issued, to whom sold, and the price in cash, property or labor, if any, received therefor, what became of the proceeds, by whom the indebtedness is held, the amount purport-ing to be due thereon, the floating indebtedness of the company, to whom due and his address, the credits due on it, the property on hand belonging to the railroad company and the judicial or other sales of said road its property or franchises, and the amounts purporting to have been paid, and in what mainer paid therefor. The commission shall also ascertain the amounts paid for salaries to the officers of the railroad and the wages paid its employes.

For the purpose in this section named, the commission may employ sworn experts to inspect and assist them when needed, and from time to time as the information required by this section is obtained, it shall communicate the same to the attorney-general by report, and file a duplicate thereof with the comproller for public assistance and said information, shall be printed. use, and said information shall be printed from time to time in the annual report of the commission.

Sec. 12. The said commission shall cause to be prepared suitable blanks with questions calculated to elicit all information concerning railroads, and as often as it may be necessary furnish said blanks to each railroad company. Any railroad company such blanks shall cause said blanks to be prepared filled out, one to an extension any such blanks shall cause said blanks to be prepared filled out, one to an blanks to be properly filled out so as to answer fully and correctly each question therein propounded, and in case they are unable to answer any question, they shall give a satisfactory reason for their failure, and the said answers, duly sworn to by the proper officer of said company, shall be returned to said commission at its office in the city of Austin within thirty days from the properly thereof. receipt thereof.

(a.) if any officer or employe of a railroad company stall fall or refuse to fill out and return any to this as above required, or fall or refuse to taswer any questions therein propounded give a false answer to any such questions or shall evade the answer to any such questions, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof be fined for each day he shall fail to perform such duty after the expiration of the time aforesaid a penalty of \$500, and the commission shall cause a prosecution therefor in the proper court; and a penalty of like amount shall be recovered from the company when it appears that such person acted in obedience to its direction, permission or request in his failafter ten days' notice.

Sec. 7. In all trials under the foregoing section, the burden of proof shall rest upon the plaintiff, who must show by clear and the plaintiff, who must show by clear and the plaintiff. prescribed in this section.

(b.) The said commission shall make and submit to the governor annual reports containing a full and complete account of the transactions of their office, together with the information gathered by such commission as herein required, and such other facts suggestions and recommends. other facts, suggestions and recommenda-tions as may be by them deemed necessary, which report shall be published as the re-ports of the heads of departments.

(c.) The said commission shall have power and it is hereby made its duty to investigate all through freight rates on railroads in Texas, and when the same are in the opinion of the commission, excessive or levied or laid in violation of the interstate commerce law, or the rules and regulations of the interstate commerce commis-sion, the officials of the railroads are to be notified of the facts and requested to reduce them or make the proper corrections as the case may be. When the rates are not changed, or the proper corrections are not made according to the request of the commission, the latter is instructed to notify the interstate commerce commission and to apply to it for relief. Sec. 13. The said commission, in making

any examination or investigation provided in this act, shall have power to issue sub-penas for the attendance of witnesses by such rules as they may prescribe. Each witness who shall appear before the commission by order of the commission, at a place outside the county of his residence, shall receive for his attendance \$1 per day and 3 cents per mile, traveled by the nearest practicable route, in going to and re-turning from the place of meeting of said commission, which shall be ordered paid by the comptroller of public accounts upon the presentation of proper vouchers, sworn to by such witness, and approved by the chairman of the commission. Provided that no witness shall be entitled to any witness fees or mileage who is directly or indirectly interested in any railroad in this state or out of it, or who is in any wise interested in any stock, bond, mortgage, se curity or earnings of any such road, or who shall be the agent or employe of such road, or an officer thereof, when summoned at the

instance of such railroad. And no witness furnished with free transportation shall receive pay for the distance he may have traveled on such free

In case any witness shall fail or refuse to obey such subpoena, said commission may

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issue an attachment for said witness, di-rected to any sheriff or constable of the state of Texas and compel him to attend before the commission and give his testi-mony upon such matters as shall be law-fully required by them. If a witness, after being duly summoned, shall fail or refuse to attend or to answer any question pro-pounded to him, and which he would be required to answer if in court, the commis-ion, shall have the nower to fire each in ion shall have the power to fine and im-prison such witness for contempt in the same manner that a judge of the district court might do under similar circumstances.

The claim that any such testimony may tend to criminate the person giving it shall not excuse such witness from testifying. but such evidence or testimony shall not be used against such person on the trial of any criminal proceeding. Provided the com-mission shall in all cases have the right in its discretion to issue proper process and take depositions instead of compelling per-

to exceed fees as now prescribed by law for Sec. 14. If any railroad company subject to this act, or its agent or officer, shall hereafter charge, collect, demand or receive from any person, company, firm or corporation, a greater rate, charge or compensation than that fixed and established by the railroad compensation for the transportation of road commission for the transportation of freight, passengers or cars, or for the use of any car on the line of its railroad, or any line operated by it, or for receiving, for-warding, handling or storing any such freight or cars, or for any other service performed or to be performed by it, such railroad company and its said agent and officer shall be deemed guilty of extortion, and shall forfeit and pay to the state of Texas a sum not less than \$100 nor more than \$700

Sec. 15. If any rallroad subject hereto. directly or indirectly or by any special rate, rebate, drawback or other device, shall charge, demand, collect or receive from any person, firm or corporation a greater or less compensation for any serv-tee rendered or to be rendered by it than it charges, demands, collects or receives from any other person, firm or corporation for doing a like and contemporaneous service, such railroad shall be deemed guilty of unjust discrimination, which is hereby pro-hibited.

(a.) It shall also be an unjust discrimina-tion for any such railroad to make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, comcharges, rules, regulations, requir and orders made and established and orders made and established by the commission, and none of them shall be de-clared inoperative for any emission of a technical matter in the performance of such pany, firm, corporation or locality, subject any particular description of traffic to any undue or unreasonable prejudice, delay or disadvantage in any respect whatact. such railroad commission to see that the provisions of this act and all laws of this state concerning railroads are enforced and obeyed, and that violations thereof are promptly prosecuted, and penalties due the state therefor recovered and collected. And said commission shall report all such violations, with the facts in their posses-sion to the attenton sangular attentions.

ever (b.) Every railroad company which shall fail or refuse under such regulations as may be prescribed by law or by the com-mission to receive and transport, without delay or discrimination the passengers, tonnage and cars, loaded or empty, of any connecting line of railroad, and every railroad which shall, under such regulations as may which shall, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the commission, fail and refuse to transport and deliver without delay or discrimination any passengers, tonnage or cars, loaded or empty, destined to any point on or over the line of any connecting line of railroad shall be deemed guilty of unjust discrimination. Provided perishable freights of all kinds and live-

stock shall have precedent of shipment.

(c.) It shall also be an unjust discrimination for any railroad subject hereto to | roads may enter into a contract whereby charge or receive any greater compensation in the aggregate for transportation of like kind of property or passengers for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line. Provided that upon application to the commission any railroad may in special cases, to prevent manifest injury, be au-thorized by the commission to charge less for longer than for shorter distances for transporting persons and property, and the commission shall from time to time pre-scribe the extent to which such designated railroad may be relieved grom the operations of this provision. Provided that no manifest injustice shall be imposed upon any citizen at intermediate points. Provided further that nothing points. Provided, further, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the commission from making what are known as "group rates" on any line or lines of railroad in this state.

(d.) Any railroad company violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of unjust discrimination, and shall for each offense pay to the state of Texas a renalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5000

(h.) Nothing herein shall prevent the carriage, storage or handling of freight free or at reduced rates for the state or for any city, county or town government, or for charitable purposes, or to and from fairs and expositions for exhibition thereof, or the free carriage of destitute and in-digent persons, or the issuance of mileage or excursion passenger tickets; nor to pre vent railroads from giving free transpor-tation to ministers of religion, or the free transportation of the inmates of hospitals, elections and to the employes of the agricultural and geological departments of this state, or to peace officers of this state, and nothing herein shall be construed to prevent rail-roads from giving free transportation to any railroad officers, agents, employes, attorneys, stockholders or directors, or to the railroad commissioners, their secre-tary, clerks and employes herein provided for, or to any person not prohibited by law, provided they or either of them shall not receive from the state mileage when such ress is used.

pass is used. Sec. 16. Any officer or agent of any railroad subject to this act who, by means of false billing, false classification, false weight or by any other device, shall suffer or permit any person or persons to obtain transportation for property at less than the regular rates then in force on such railroad, or who, by means of false billing, false classification, false weighing, or by any device whatever, shall charge any person, firm or corporation more for the trans-portation of property than the regular rates then in force on such railroad shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof fined in a sum of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000.

Sec. 17. In case any railroad subject this act shall do, cause to be done or pe mit to be done, any matter, act or thing a this act prohibited or declared to be un-lawful, or shall omit to do any act, matter or thing herein required to be done by it, such railroad shall be liable to the person or persons, firm or corporation injured thereby for the damages sustained in con sequence of such violation; and in case said railroad company shall be guilty of extortion or discrimination as by this act defined, then, in addition to such damages, such railroad shall pay to the person, firm or corporation injured thereby a penalty of not less than \$125 nor more than \$500, to be recovered in any court of competent juris-diction in any county into or through which such railroad may run provided that such road may plead and prove as a defense to the action for said penalty that such overcharge was unintentionally and innocently nade, through a mistake of fact, provided that any such recovery as herein provided shall in no manner affect a recovery by the state of a penalty provided for such viola-

Sec. 18. If any railroad, as aforesaid Sec. 18. If any railroad, as alloresand shall willfully violate any other provision of this act, or shall do any other act is reprohibited, or shall fail or refuse to promise any other duty enjoined upon it. form any other duty enjoined up which a penalty has not herein vided, for every such act of v shall pay the state of Texas as n not more than \$5000. e than \$5000.

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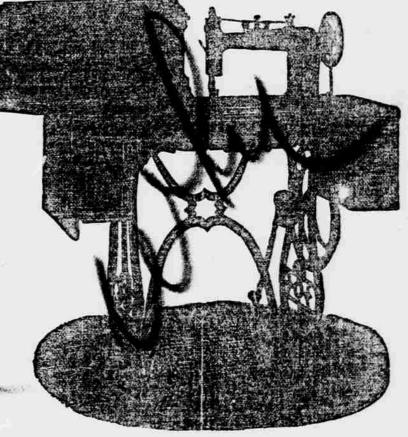
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